

# Characterization of Potential Storage Sites in the West Coast States

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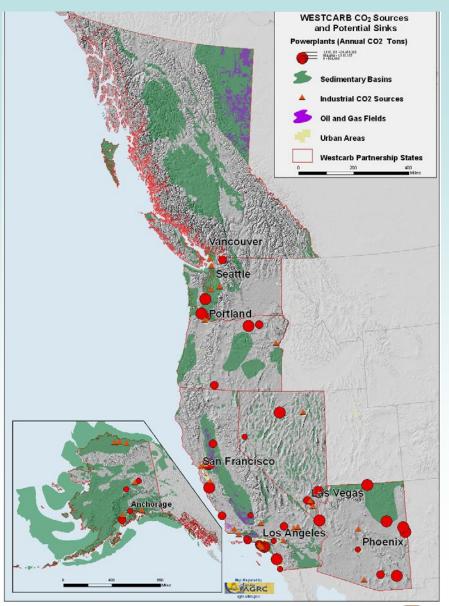
## **Steps in Assessing Storage Potential for WESTCARB Region**

- Identify and characterize point sources
- Identify and characterize sedimentary basins
- Identify and characterize oil and gas fields and coal beds within sedimentary basins
- Screen basins a preliminary screen based on depth, size, restricted surface access, lack of seals, yields subset for further analysis
- Estimate storage capacity
- Do GIS-based economic analysis of source-sink combinations



# **Sedimentary Basins Broadly Distributed**

- Characterized sources account for about 80% of total industrial and utility sector emissions (US)
- Sedimentary basins defined; geologic and oil and gas field data assembled
- Data reside at Utah AGRC, publicly accessible, part of NATCARB database



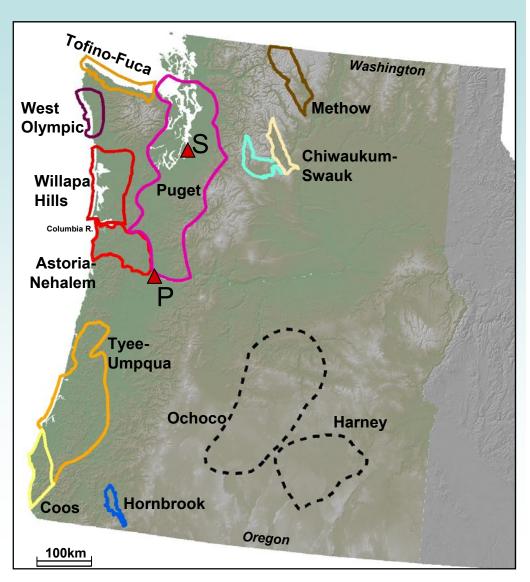


**Sedimentary Basins in Oregon and** 

Washington

Major targets in Coastal Ranges and **Puget-Willamette** Lowlands provinces

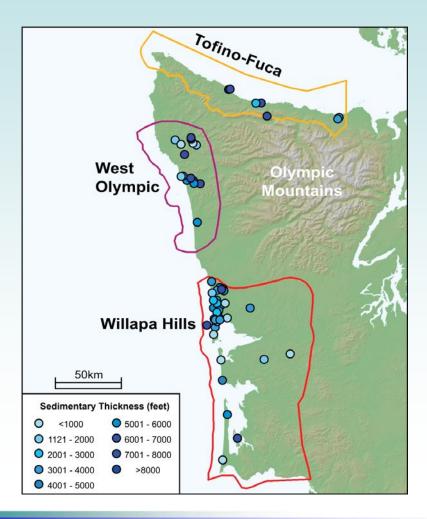
- Several Interior basins
- 30+ unconsolidated basins

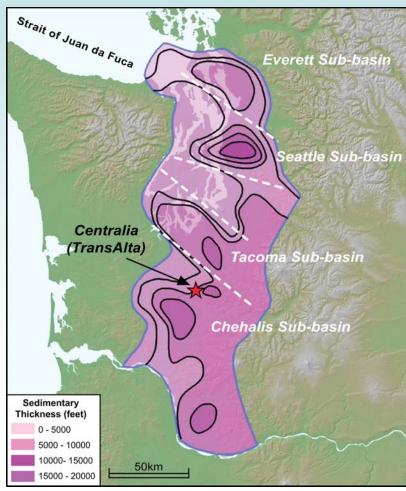






## **Tertiary Basins Contain Thick Sedimentary Sequences**







### Puget, WA Deep Coals Are a Potential Sink

**Coal Rank** 

**CBM** Exploration area

Deep Coal Potential Area

Vitrinite Reflectance value

CBM / Coal Corehole

Thurston

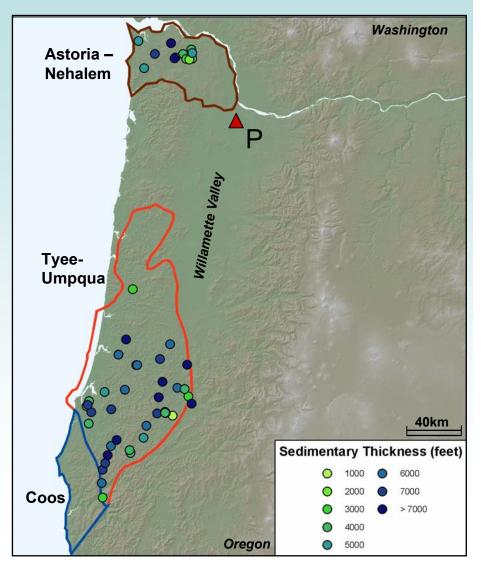
- Favorable coal rank: sub-bituminous in the W to anthracite in E
- El Paso Production pilot tested 5 md permeability in coals

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Sub-Basin	Area (sq mi)	Avg Coal Thickness (ft)	Ash + Moisture (%)	Net Coal Tonnage (million tonnes)	I Ava	CO2 Isotherm (scf/t d.a.f.)	CO2 Storage	Estimated CO2 Storage Potential (Gt) *	Z	
Carbonado	125	130	57%	8,513	1,691	817	7.0	0.366	Lewis	C Ly
Black Diamond	466	110	60%	24,979	1,550	692	17.3	0.910		
Storm King	57	65	71%	1,309	1,860	811	1.1	0.056		1 10
Centralia	209	100	61%	9,930	1,860	811	8.1	0.424	Cowlitz	
Rest of Puget Region	1,777	50	71%	31,391	1,500	636	20.0	1.051	20 Miles	•
Totals	2,634			76,122			53.3	2.807		1
Represents TOTAL available potential for each region; actual Stored volume would be significantly less (~15-50%)									455°30'	122°00'



### **Coastal Range Basins of Oregon**

- Astoria-Nehalem Basin
  - Extensively faulted/folded
  - Mist Gas Field (65 BCFG)
  - C&W Sands:
    - Porosities: up to 39%
    - Permeabilities: 1–1,400 md
- Tyee-Umpqua Basin
  - Massive Tyee sandstone
- Coos Basin
  - Marine sequence up to 10,000 ft thick

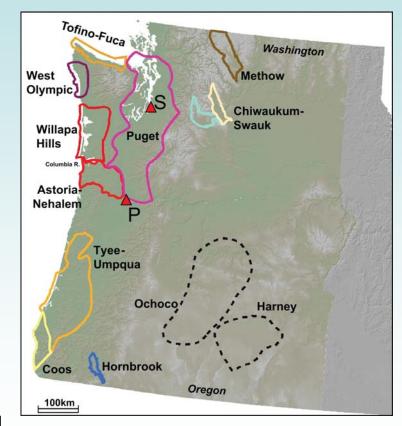






#### **Interior Basins**

- **Methow Basin** 
  - ~13,000 feet of sediments
  - Several massive sandstones (Winthrop)
- Chiwaukum Basin
  - ~19,000 ft of continental sedimentary sequences
  - Hornbrook Basin
    - ~4,000 feet sequence
    - Hornbrook Fmn. sandstones:
      - Porosities: 6.3-18.6%
      - Permeabilities: up to 1.2 md
  - Ochoco Basin
    - >5,000 feet of fluvio-deltaic sandstones/conglomerates

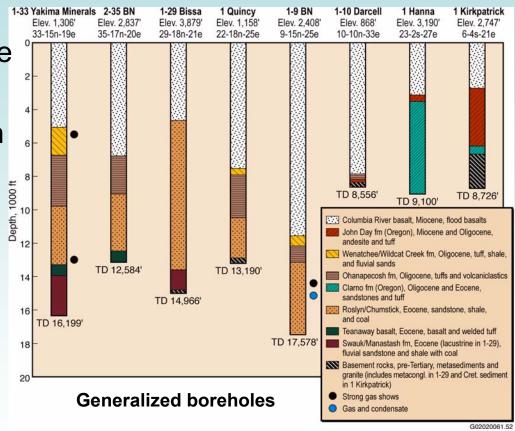






#### Sub-Columbia Plateau

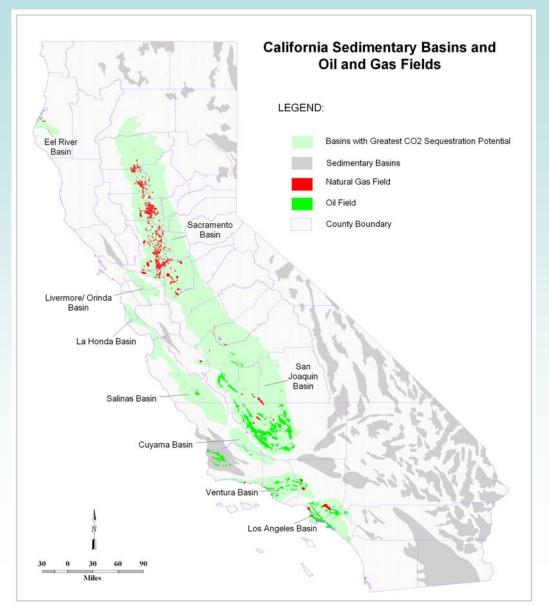
- Thick basalt flow sequence (up to 15,000 ft)
- Several deep investigation boreholes
  - Fluvial sandstones and conglomerates
  - Volcaniclastics, tuffs and shale interbeds
  - Sandstone properties:
    - Porosities: 4-22%
    - No permeability data





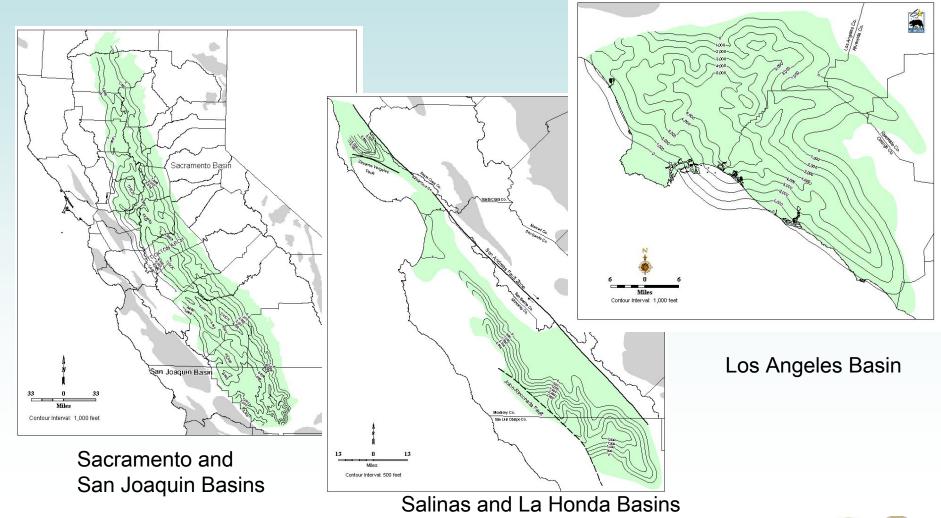
#### **Most Promising California Basins**

- Multiple porous, permeable targets
- Laterally persistent marine shale seals
- Oil, gas reservoirs; abundant data



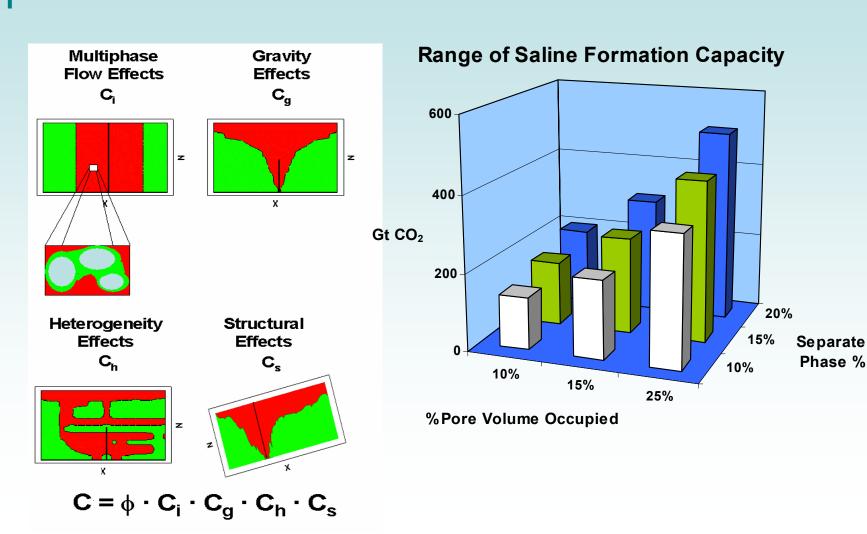


### **Basin-scale Sand Isopach Maps**



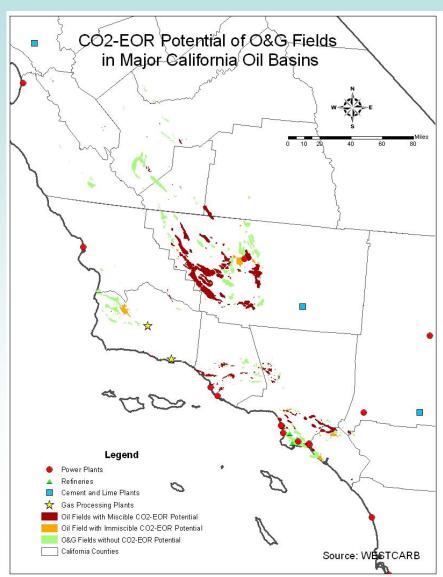


#### **Many Factors Affect Capacity Calculations**



### Significant Opportunities for EOR and EGR

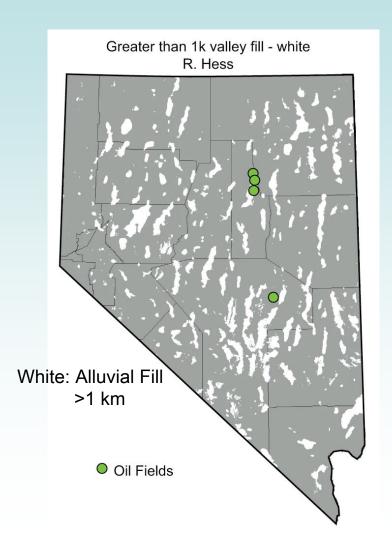
- 121 fields met depth and miscible EOR criteria
  - 3.4 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity, using production as a basis
  - Other studies suggest 5.4 billion barrels oil technically recoverable
- 128 gas fields met depth ctiteria
  - 1.8 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity





### Alluvial Deposits in Basin and Range Offer Suitable Depth but Little Characterization Data

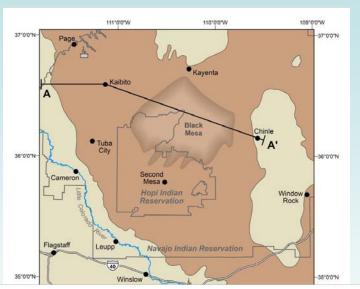


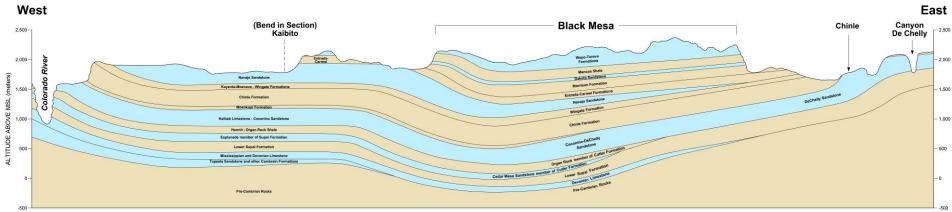




### Colorado Plateau Is a Major Arizona Sink

- Chinle is regional seal
- Potential reservoirs in Coconino, Supai, Tapeats



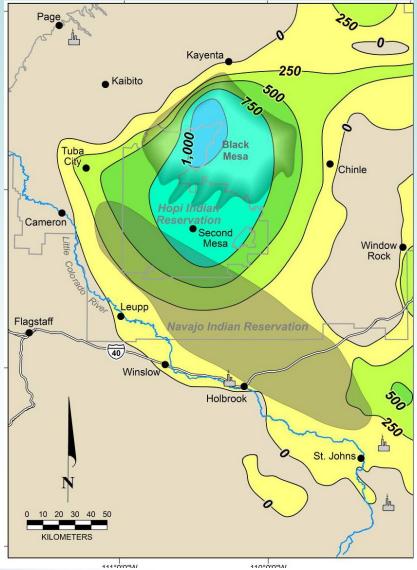


GEOLOGIC CROSS-SECTION FROM COLORADO RIVER, THROUGH BLACK MESA, TO CANYON DE CHELLY



#### **Hydraulic Head and Salinity Data**

Contours of hydraulic head overlain by area in which TDS is >10,000 mg per liter







#### **Conclusions**

- Sedimentary basins for potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage are broadly distributed in West Coast states
  - Multiple porous targets in many basins
  - Laterally extensive shale seals
- Storage capacity of California is a major potential resource
- Challenges: complex geology, lack of data in some areas
- Additional characterization underway